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CDC FOR DR. EUGENE GANGAROSA FROM DR. JOSEPH MC CORMICK

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO DR. BICHAT RODRIGUEZ, PAHO WASH

FROM DR. JOSEPH MC CORMICK CDC EPIDEMIOLOGIST, SAO PAULO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF DR. MC CORMICK - MENINGITIS EXPERT

1. I HAVE NOW ASSEMBLED ATTACK RATES BY SEROGROUP FOR 1974 THROUGH JULY AS WELL AS PROJECTIONS FOR AUGUST. ALSO HAVE ATTACK RATES BY SANITARY DISTRICT, AND HAVE AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES BY SEROGROUPS A AND C FOR GRANDE SAO PAULO AND FOR SOME SANITARY DISTRICTS.

APPROX. ATTACK RATES (LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES)CASES/100,000/
MONTH

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2. HAVE SUGGESTED THAT SAO PAULO STATE CONSIDER THE HIGH RATE AREAS FOR VACCINATION FIRST. SINCE WE DO NOT KNOW THE EFFICACY OF A VACCINE IN CHILDREN LESS THAN 5 YRS. - MUST PROCEED TO VACCINATE CHILDREN BETWEEN 6 AND 18 (SCHOOL AGE) - ALSO MUCH EASIER ADMINISTRATIVELY WITH LIMITED VACCINE. BUT NOT SURE HOW MUCH MY RECOMMENDATION WILL BE USED - PERSON CLOSEST TO SAO PAULO STATE SECRETARY OF HEALTH THINKS THESE DATA ARE "PREMATURE" AND DOES NOT WANT TO ACT ON THEM - MOST OF OTHERS HERE ARE IN TOTAL DISAGREEMENT WITH HIM. HIS PROPOSALS FOR DATA COLLECTION HAVE BEEN GOING FOR 2 MOS. AND HE DOESN'T FORESEE ANY "GOOD DATA" FOR 2 MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE AT LEAST 2 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

3. PERMISSION FROM NATIONAL MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR PROCEEDING WITH VACCINE TRIAL IN NORTH IS IMMINENT/WHEN FINAL NOTICE ARRIVES TO YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MOBILIZE LAB PERSON FROM CDC WHO WILL BRING NECESSARY LAB SUPPLIES AS WELL AS VACCINE. WILL THEN START TRIAL OF COMBINED VACCINE NEXT WEEK. PROTOCOL HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND TRANSLATED AND WILL PROCEED TO MINISTER FOR APPROVAL.

4. PAPER ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE FOR PAHO IS WELL UNDERWAY - HOWEVER MAY HAVE TO DELAY FOR A FEW DAYS THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IF VACCINE TRIAL IS GOING ON.
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